

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Please make of record the attached Revocation and Power of Attorney. Please forward all future correspondence to Young & Thompson at the address indicated. Our attorney docket number is 5572-1002. Any telephonic questions concerning this application should be directed to the below attorney.

Claims 1-11 were previously pending.

All of the claims were objected to due to formal matters.

Claim 7 was not substantively examined.

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 were substantively rejected.

No allowable subject matter was indicated.

Claims 1-11 have been replaced with claims 12-22 drafted to be proper as to form and to remedy each of the stated formal objections.

Claims 23-26 are also new.

These new claims are believed to patentably recite the present invention and their allowance is solicited.

Claims 1-2 stand rejected as obvious over DELINE 6,450,193 in view of STERN 3,741,632 (OA page 4, top two lines).

Claims 3-6 and 8 also appear to be rejected as obvious over these two references (OA page 5).

Claims 9-10 stand rejected as obvious over DELINE and STERN in further view of COHEN 4,614,412 (OA page 5, last three lines).

Claim 11 stands rejected as obvious over DELINE and STERN in view of MANZONI 4,558,840.

For a claim to be rendered obvious, the reasonable combination of prior art references must teach or suggest each recited feature of the claim.

As to claim 12, DELINE does not disclose an exterior accessible adjustment, extending through the plastic mount and acting in cooperation with the frictional board for adjusting a tightness of the first ball joint against the plastic mount. See, e.g., Figure 3B illustrating one embodiment that includes screws extending through the plastic mount and acting in cooperation with the frictional board for adjusting a tightness of the first ball joint against the plastic mount.

In new claim 23 the recitation is slightly different, i.e., "an exterior accessible adjustment part, extending through the plastic mount and into the frictional board, the adjustment part providing user-adjustment of a tightness of the first ball joint against the plastic mount." This is also not disclosed.

Further, see claim 24 reciting that the frictional board further comprises two planar surfaces extending along a longitudinal length of the mirror on two sides of the ball pit.

DELINTE does not teach or suggest a frictional board with a centrally-located ball pit and planar surfaces extending along a longitudinal length of the mirror on two sides of the ball pit.

Rather, see that DELINTE teaches a spring-biased element 320 without the recited planar surfaces extending along a longitudinal length of the mirror on two sides of the ball pit.

DELINTE does not teach an exterior accessible adjustment part, extending through the plastic mount and into the frictional board, the adjustment part providing user-adjustment of a tightness of the first ball joint against the plastic mount.

The other references also fail to teach or suggest these features.

Also see that the references fail to teach or suggest the features of claims 20-21, i.e., four screws for adjusting the friction applied against the first and second ball joints; and the frictional board with a centrally-located ball pit comprises a screw hole on each of two sides of the ball pit, each screw hole securing one of the four screws, the ball joint box comprises a frictional board with a centrally-located ball pit and a screw hole on each of two side of the ball pit, the screw holes of the ball joint box frictional board each securing one of the four screws, wherein, user-adjustment of the screws adjusts the friction applied against the first and second ball joints.

New claims 25-26 are similar and recite that the adjustment part comprises two screws for adjusting the friction applied against the first ball joint (claim 25), and that the frictional board with a centrally-located ball pit comprises a screw hole on each of two planar surfaces extending on the two sides of the ball pit, each screw hole securing one of the two screws, wherein, user-adjustment of the two screws adjusts the friction applied against the first ball joint (claim 26).

The applied references, taken individually or in any reasonable combination, do not make these teachings.

The other claims are believed allowable at least for depending from an allowable claim.

Accordingly, the claims are all believed to be patentable.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If it would be beneficial, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted by telephone in order to make any formal adjustments necessary to allow the case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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